

Abstract

A wall frame is constructed with a pair of horizontally disposed metal channel members and a series of vertical studs spaced at predetermined intervals along the channel members. The studs are accurately located within the channel members by vertically upstanding tab stops which are struck out from the channel members. Pronged retainers are also struck outwardly from the channel members to fit through alignment slots formed in the studs. Weakened areas on the channel members can be crimped against the studs to lock the studs in place on the channel members. Horizontally disposed spacer bars are adapted to interconnect with a series of studs to strengthen and further align the studs and to provide a support surface against which dry wall or the like may be fastened.